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Please, call if you have any questions or suggestions. I have enclosed a Search Results Feedback Form to facilitate further comments or suggestions. Please, take a few minutes to share with us your feedback.

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 OR GRILL OR FRAME OR PORT?? OR DECK  
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 S7 105111 S (WAVEGUIDE?? OR GUIDE??) (3N) (SOUND?? OR WAVE?? OR  
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 S8 3460 S S3 AND S4  
 S9 293 S S8 AND (CAR?? OR AUTO?? OR AUTOMOBILE?? OR VEHICLE?? OR  
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 S11 10 S S9 AND S7  
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Title: Twin-load horn type speaker 'Sound Space Twin Load Horn' (SSP-1)

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Abstract: The horn-loaded speaker system used in the Audio-Visual Pana Capsule for low frequency sound reproduction has a length of 3.8 m, being unsuitable to a small car interior because of the acoustic characteristics. The newly developed twin-load horn speaker 'Sound Space Twin Load Horn' has a unique design with reduced external dimensions. The speaker system can be mounted in the car rear seat by folding the horn several times and making it into nearly an acoustic tube with smaller flaring constants. For the extension of the low frequency

response range, two horns (twin loads) of different length are **mounted** on the back of the **speaker**, eliminating the response dips at **around** 100 Hz. Furthermore, an acoustic low-pass filter is incorporated for uniform sound response in the medium and high frequency ranges. The speaker system features low distortion especially in the low frequency range as well as high efficiency. Therefore, applications to headphone stereo sets and **car** audio sets are expected.

**Identifiers:** ...low frequency sound reproduction... ...**car** rear seat... ...**car** audio sets

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**Common architecture, uncommon results: Lear Corporation drives mass customization and relentless advancement in automotive innovation**

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Detroit, MI, March 6, 2000 - Lear Corporation (NYSE: LEA) today introduced its Common Architecture Strategy that makes mass customization of **vehicle** interiors feasible. The end result could provide the consumer with unprecedented freedom to literally 'create' his or her own **vehicle** interior!

Lear's Common Architecture Strategy is based on a standardized common structure that supports the use of interchangeable, modular components built off of the same substructures. It provides the flexibility to enable cost-effective production of multiple interior variations. It also reduces both cost and lead-time for the **vehicle** manufacturer while continuing to instill a sense of brand.

Consumers could have the opportunity to order **vehicles** with individualized interiors that reflect their own personal taste and lifestyle. This ability to customize could take place not only when the consumer initially orders a **vehicle** but also throughout the ownership experience. Upgrading or adding new features as the owner's needs, lifestyle and earnings evolve - and as technology advancements are introduced - would enhance owner satisfaction, build brand loyalty and sustain **vehicle** longevity.

Lear's innovative Common Architecture Strategy was unveiled at the company's massive display at the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) 2000 World Congress and Exposition. By reconfiguring a complete **vehicle** interior for two vastly differing market segments using a common structure, Lear demonstrated the amazing simplicity of this product differentiation process.

'Lear's interchangeable modules... ...marketplace. Common architecture throughout is designed to accommodate any number of unique interiors and undergoes rigorous safety testing so that the modules arrive at the **vehicle** assembly pre-tested and ready to install.'

'Lear's modular components contain all electronic connections, switches and electrical distribution systems, so when they are married... ...and validated by Lear - before they reach the final assembly line.'

Lear's SAE demonstration of its Common Architecture Strategy at SAE produced a complete **vehicle** interior for two completely different market segments using one common architecture - an 'edgy' custom Generation Y creation that is colorful, fast, fun and 'uniquely me... ...market potential (some 80 million strong) and its search for products unique to their generation that form the driving force for mass customization in the **auto** industry.

Lear's Common Architecture is a base structure for the five interior systems - instrument panel and console system, seat system, door and interior trim... ...distribution systems. As the only Tier One supplier capable of fully integrating this sophisticated network of wiring, switches and electronic control modules indispensable to a vehicle's operation, Lear can unite electrical distribution technologies and electronic components into interiors thus enabling mass customization.

'Boundaries are eliminated when modular systems are created... ...systems on the instrument panel's center console,' Masters said.

The Common Architecture for the instrument panel system is the lower platform and structural cross-car ducts, common electrical architecture, steering column support bracket, pedals and heater/air conditioning unit case. Reconfigurable items include the 'topper' (top portion of the instrument... ...the headlamps, sound system, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

The seating system's Common Architecture displayed at SAE consists of a standardized frame, Modular Adjuster Family seat track system, ProTec(TM) Self-Aligning Head Restraint (SAHR) and one-step, folding rear seats. The seats' bolsters (seat cushion side supports), body cloth, belt systems, power controls and add-on features like four-way power lumbar support are among those items open to consumer choice... ...design and twist-lock visor attachment. Its distinctive options include Lear's revolutionary OASys(TM) Overhead Audio System that converts the entire headliner into a speaker using flat-profile sound drivers mounted overhead to replace bulky cone speakers, as well as flexible front console features, rear seat entertainment, Rear Vision Camera and removable combination dome lamp/first aid kit.

A common mini-cassette module provides the Common Architecture for the door and interior trim... ...storage bins, removable trash bins and CD storage pocket, as well as armrest, door and window controls, and trim options.

Common Architecture for flooring and cargo areas include integrated HVAC ducts and standardized cargo retention fixtures. Among the feature choices would be a sports rack (for bikes, snowboard and skis), flexible storage platforms that attach to anchors in the load floor or seats, extendable grocery bag hooks and various flooring materials.

The pace and extent of the auto industry's move into mass customization is anyone's guess. Lear stands ready with its Common Architecture Strategy to assist the automakers that make up...